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Kyrene de los Cerritos Elementary School

## Important Dates

**Sept 16 - 24**

Fall Book Fair

**Sept 24**

Ice Cream Social; 5-7pm

**Oct 11 - 18**

Fall Break; No School

**Oct 29**

Pumpkin Walk

**Nov 11-12**

Veteran's Day; No School

**Nov 24**

Turkey Trot

**Nov 25 - 26**

Thanksgiving; No School

**Dec 4 - 10**

Holiday Boutique

**Dec 14**

PTO General Meeting

**Dec 16**

Gift of Time

**Dec 20 - 31**

Winter Break; No School

**Jan 17**

MLK Day; No School

**Feb 4**

Sock Hop

**Feb 21**

President's Day; No School

**Mar 8**

PTO General Meeting; 3:00

**Mar 14 - 18**

Spring Break; No School

## To Cerritos Parents,

Fall is finally upon us and our first (and largest) fundraiser of the year is officially behind us.

Many thanks to all of you who purchased magazines, candy and other assorted sundries from the Fiesta catalog your child brought home in late August. Our students worked really hard to sell enough items to raise a great deal of money for our school. When all was said and done, the kids sold close to 15-thousand dollars worth of products! Congratulations to Mrs. Byrne-Quinn's first grade class for selling the most items. Mrs. Byrne-Quinn's class wins a pizza party for all of its efforts. Way to go kids! Many thanks as well to parents LeeAnn Schneider and Ro Traxler for volunteering to run this fundraiser. Our school gets to keep roughly half of the proceeds and that money goes a long way toward helping the PTO support our exceptional teachers and students.

Some of the ways that fund raising money is spent is purchasing items our teachers use on a daily basis. For example, the PTO just paid close to two thousand dollars for various subscriptions our children read in their classrooms. We also purchased math manipulatives for all of 2nd grade and we plan to make similar educational purchases for each of the other grade levels as the requests come in.

In addition, the Board recently bought enough colored paper to give each and every teacher at Cerritos two reams a piece. Colored paper is used as cover sheets for homework packets -- and to spice up writing assignments and other projects our children work on and display at school.

In other news, the PTO is proud to say that the kick-off to our fall book fair was a **HUGE success!** Thanks to our book fair volunteer co-chairs, Emma Holtzapple and Rhonda Smith, our first ever "Literacy Luncheon" had a phenomenal turn out. Our children got to eat lunch with their parents in the cafeteria -- then make their way to the book fair where they were able to purchase some of their favorite books. If you missed the literacy luncheon, no worries! The book fair is open every day this week and will even be open during ice cream social this Friday, September 24th.

Speaking of the ice cream social, the Board hopes you will carve out some time to attend this fun, free event from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on Friday. The ice cream social is the PTO's way of saying "Welcome" to all of our parents and "Thank You" for all your wonderful support. The event will feature free ice cream sundaes for everyone and will include dairy free options for children and parents with dairy allergies. And for those of you who haven't had a chance to purchase your Cerritos yearbooks or spirit wear yet, both will be for sale at this event. We hope to see you all there!

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Hayden; PTO Vice President



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## The Cerritos Garden Wins Big Grant!

An ENORMOUS THANK YOU goes out to Sloane Espy, Cerritos parent and Go Green Chairperson, for applying for and winning a grant for the new Cerritos garden.



Last year, Mrs. Espy designed and rallied enough parent volunteers to build a professional garden on campus. Since then, our students have been steadily growing and tending to its many fruits, vegetables and flowers.

This year, Mrs. Espy won a \$1,250 grant, and a brand new gardening bed, from the Western Growers Foundation. The money will help our students maintain the garden. And the new gardening bed will be used by our students to plant and grow herbs. Way to go Sloane!

*Pic left: Sloane Espy and Principal Darcy DiCosmo receive a grant from the Western Growers Foundation.*



*An Arizona farmer talks to Mrs. Bell's 3rd grade class.*

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## A BIG THANK YOU...

*to everyone who helped out with Picture Days!*

Frances Brakebill (Chairperson)

Miriam Doyle

Rachel Gallelo

Debi Henderson

Suzanne Kocsis

Wendy Mohandes

Maria Riggs

Erica Riordan

Allie Schenach

LeeAnn Schneider

Nona Velsaco

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*Third graders Kaiya Espy and Lexie Schramm enjoy some refreshments after the garden ceremony.*



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## HUGE THANKS...

To LeeAnn Schneider and Ro Traxler for all the time and effort you both put into running our Fiesta Fall Fund Raiser. You both did a fantastic job helping to raise much needed funds for our school.

THANK YOU!!!

## From Student Council

The Student Council had their first meeting on Sept 13th. In the meeting we discussed working at the Ice Cream Social. A sign-up sheet was sent out to Student Council members to volunteer to put toppings on the ice cream for half hour shifts.

At the next meeting I hope to discuss more about the Kyrene Family Resource Center. It is a great place to donate. In the past, most of our drives, like the toiletry drive and the canned food drive, have been for them. This year I hope that we can do as many drives to support this wonderful foundation. Thank you to all the generous Cerritos families who have participated in the donations.

I know this will be a great school year and am looking forward to it!

Sincerely,  
Cici Collins; Student Council President

## We Need Your Help!!

We have several positions to fill. Please take a look at the committees. Whatever your preference, whatever your level of commitment, we need & appreciate your help! Contact Volunteer Coordinator Lorinda Thompson at [matthewandlorinda@cox.net](mailto:matthewandlorinda@cox.net). **We need help with the following committees:**

**Publishing House:** This project types and binds books that are written by the students. We need committee members to help organize and carry out this project.

**School Store:** The school store is open to students at lunch time on Wednesdays. Volunteers are needed to help organize and sell items during this time.

**Spring Carnival:** This is a great school event that takes lots of volunteers. Committee members are needed to help plan the event and volunteers are needed for the night of the event.

**Sock Hop/Decades Dance:** This event is February 4th this year. Committee members are needed to help plan the event and volunteers are needed for the night of the event.



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## FUNDRAISING with My Gym!!

**My Gym Ahwatukee is offering 3 ways to Raise Funds for Cerritos!**

**1. Pizza & Play Fund Raiser October 15th 4:30-6:30** Bring you family in for Pizza and Play time at My Gym and all proceeds will be donated to your school! Cost: \$10 per Child or \$20 per family.

**2. My Gym will donate \$5 for every child that signs up for a free trial class at the Gym!** There is no cost to you! For every Cerritos student that signs up and attends a free trial class in the month of October or November \$5 will go to your school! (Donations limited to the first 80 students).

**3. Enroll your child in My Gym Classes and 50% of your Initial Membership fee will be donated to your school!** New members mention Cerritos and receive an additional \$5 off your monthly membership fee for the first 3 months!

Do you think My Gym is for little kids? Think again!

We have a Cardio Kids class and a Super Tumblers class for kids ages 6 to 12 years! We also have an afternoon Camp on Wednesdays for early release!

Come see what we are all about! [www.my-gym.com/ahwatukee](http://www.my-gym.com/ahwatukee) or call 480-940-4967.

## Book Fair Update

The Fall Book Fair was a great success! Thanks to everyone who helped out during the busy week: Juli West, Rachel Coelho, Jo O'Brien, Andrea Beck, Debbie Weigert, Shirley Lee-Kin, Stephanie Giel, Allie Schenach, Miriam Doyle, Janet Castano, Stephanie Hayden, Erin Kent, Cheryl James, Laura Wallis, Linda Essig, Wendy Darroch, Lori Chlubiski, Susan Kovacs, Patricia Tasvibi, Yumi Goswick, Sharon Schramm, Lorraine Tornga, Holly Wong, Michelle Pak, Melissa Sutherland, Lori Giesen, Chylon Brigham, Diane Nam, Shnelle Stewart, Tammie Woolgar, Robin Wilcox, Molly McHugh, Kris Coyne, Brandye Billeter and Cathy Harris.

Special thanks to our Super Hero Student Crew who were a huge help and showed amazing leadership getting the school excited!

*Rhonda Smith and Emma Holtzapple*  
Book Fair Co-Chairs

## Otter Pop Fridays!

The PTO is selling JUMBO OTTER POPS for 50¢



**OTTER POPS**

after school every Friday (until it cools off)! Look for the sales table by the parent pick up area near the front office. We are sorry we will not be able to sell to children taking the bus as it is against district policy to have food items on school buses.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR 50 CENTS ON FRIDAYS!**



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## NO COST Fundraising!!

Earn cash for your school at no extra cost to you. These programs are designed to raise money for Cerritos with minimal time, effort and no additional expense. Participate today and help earn free money for our school!

### ***EScrip***

Did you know that each year, our school earns approximately \$9,000 in "FREE MONEY" from Safeway's EScrip program? It's true and it's a tremendous source of income for our school!

In order to get as many Cerritos families to sign up for this program, the PTO sent home yellow EScrip renewal forms with your students. Students who return their EScrip forms by this Friday, August 27th, 2010 will win a prize from the school store!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Erica Riordan (ejbriordan@cox.net) or Stephanie Hayden (Steph27064@aol.com). You can either complete the yellow form that came home with your child or register online at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com).

**REMEMBER** - You must renew your registration each year & you can register your card for up to 3 schools!!

### ***BoxTops***

Clip BoxTops & earn FREE MONEY for Cerritos! It's AS EASY AS 1,2,3...

1. CLIP OUT YOUR BOX TOPS
2. PUT THEM IN A ZIP LOCK BAG
3. TURN THEM INTO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER



Each quarter, the class that collects the most BOX TOPS wins a prize!! Last year, we received more than \$2300 from BoxTops - let's earn even more this year!

### ***Fry's has "COOL CASH" for Cerritos!!!***

Present this barcode to the cashier & a portion of your purchase will automatically be deposited in our school's account. Once the school reaches \$50,000 in spending, Fry's will send the school a \$500 check! We have until April 24, 2011 to earn up to \$2,000.





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## 2010/2011 Cerritos Spiritwear Order Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name & Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please circle your choice\*\***

Item Description	Price	Sizes
Cerritos Water Bottles	\$5	n/a
Cerritos Windshield Decal	\$5	n/a
Cerritos Car Magnet	\$5	n/a
Short Sleeve Gray T-shirt	\$10	Youth S, M, L, Adult S, M, L, XL
Girls turquoise fitted shirt w/bling	\$12	Youth S, M, L
Women's black tank w/bling	\$12	Adult M, L, XL
Girls Cheer Shorts, (Black)	\$10	Youth S, M,L, Adult S
Mesh basketball shorts (Black)	\$12	Youth S,M, L, Adult S
Special Order- All Bling-Any size, color & style	\$20	Any size
Spirit Wear Flip Flops	\$17	11/12, 12, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6
Embroidered Hoodies (Black or Gray) <b>**Special order</b>	\$24	Any size
“ (personalized)	\$26	“

**Cash or Check (made payable to Cerritos PTO) are welcome!**

Please note that we NO LONGER accept credit card payment.

If you have any questions, please call Monica Hedeby (480) 636-9057 or Sydney Sterling (602) 751-7118.



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## 2010/2011 Cerritos Yearbook Order Form

Pre-orders for the 2010 - 2011 Yearbook are now being taken at a price of \$24.00 each. Be aware that the cost will increase to \$27 each beginning in January 2011, so be sure and take advantage of the special pre-order price now!

Please complete this form below in its entirety and return it to school in an envelope marked "Yearbook Order" to your child's teacher along with a check (payable to CERRITOS PTO). Please note that we NO LONGER accept credit card payment.

Order confirmation/receipts are being sent via email. Please be assured that your email address will be used solely for this purpose and will not be distributed for any other reason. If you do not wish to receive an email, a paper receipt will be sent home via your child.

If you have any questions, please contact Frances Brakebill at [cerritosyearbook@msn.com](mailto:cerritosyearbook@msn.com) or at 480-460-4220.

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### PLEASE PRINT AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER OR THE CERRITOS OFFICE

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ yearbooks @ \$24 ea

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_ (for an email receipt)

**Cash, Check (made payable to Cerritos PTO)**

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK OR CASH: \_\_\_\_\_